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Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for development of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether UAVs are useful in maintaining internal security like combating terrorism / naxalism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has undertaken several Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) projects like:-

â€¢ Indigenous development of Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) UAV & Development of Aeronauical Test Range at Chitradurga (Rustom-II).

â€¢ UAV − Nishant.

â€¢ Wheeled version of Nishant UAV − Panchi.

â€¢ Lead in Project for Development of Naval Rotary Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (NRUAV).

â€¢ Technology Initiative for the development of MALE UAV (Rustom-I).

(c) & (d): Nishant UAVs are useful for reconnaissance and monitoring of Naxal / terrorist infested areas. The same was demonstrated (Nishant-UAV) to CRPF at Jagdalpur, Chattisgarh in February 2015.

A 2 Kg class vehicle developed by DRDO was demonstrated to various security agencies, like Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), National Security Guard (NSG), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). These vehicles have been appreciated by them for internal security.

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